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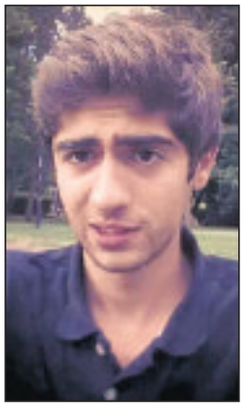
Jury told how young men attempted to exploit eight teenagers

On trial: Said Saleh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'PARTIES HELD TO LURE GIRLS'

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SEVEN young men groomed and sexually exploited eight teenage girls in Banbury, a jury at Oxford Crown Court has been told.

On the first day of their trial, prosecution barrister Stuart Trimmer QC said the defendants identified their targets by organising parties for under 18s.

He said the group was known as "BB or B2" and they subjected their victims to a "cycle" of abuse, which in some cases culminated in "rape and even gang rape".

The defendants are Ahmed Hassan-Sule, 21, of Glyndebourne Gardens; Said Saleh, 20, of Orchard Way; Mohamed Saleh, 21, of Orchard Way; Takudzwa Hova, 21, of Broughton Road; Kagiso Manase, 26, of Warwick Road; and Alexandru Nae, 19, of Broome Way.

They were charged alongside a 17-year-old who cannot be named for legal reasons.

The defendants deny a total of 26 charges, including 19 counts of sexual activity with a child, two counts of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, three counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault.

All the offences are alleged to have taken place between 2011 and 2013.

Opening the case Mr Trimmer said: "This case concerns the sexual exploitation of a number of vulnerable girls aged between 13 and 16 by a group of males, predominantly aged between 18 and 25-years-old.

"The defendants appear to have identified vulnerable underage girls through the group organising parties for under 18s in Banbury, which they called 'Fiddy Events'.

"This group were known as BB or B2, and they used social media such as Facebook or WhatsApp to target girls and subject them to a grooming process.

"The girls where driven to locations in and around Banbury and into King's Sutton, where they were subjected to serious sexual offences.

"The offences took place in the defendants' vehicles, their home addresses and also in parks and woods around Banbury.

> The defendants appear to have identified vulnerable underage girls through the group organising parties
> Stuart Trimmer QC

"The girls were sometimes willing participants, sometimes flattered and pleased by the attention of the group.

"They were young and emotionally immature, with some looking for friendship.

"Sadly for them they were identified by these defendants and were used by them.

"And once they were into the cycle of repeated abuse they had no realistic means of extracting themselves.

"In general, the defendants befriended their victims, they established some sexual relationship, before proceeding to use the girls to have sex with others within their group.

"The evidence establishes a variety of tactics, such as evoking guilt and sometimes using threats or violence."

All the defendants are in custody, except the 17-year-old.

The trial continues.

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Ex-children's home boss jailed for child sex abuse

By Joe Nimmo and Oliver Evans
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THE former boss of an Oxfordshire children's home was jailed for 12-and-a-half years for sexually abusing boys during the 1970s and 1980s.

Rodney Smallman, of Erica Close, Banbury, was unanimously found guilty of 15 counts of indecent assault on male children in December at Oxford Crown Court.

The 72-year-old showed no emotion as Judge Zoe Smith announced his sentence, telling him: "One can see the terrible impact your behaviour had."

The assaults took place between February 1976 and March 1983 and Smallman's barrister Jennifer Edwards said her client still denies he committed the offences.

Prosecutor Giles Curtis-Raleigh said one victim had "lived in a silent hell for 30 years" and because he felt "ashamed and dirty".

Smallman, who has another conviction for abusing boys in 1985, was made subject to a sexual offences prevention order banning unsupervised contact with boys indefinitely.

Judge Zoe Smith said Smallman used his position to groom and abuse boys as young as ten, sometimes in "sadistic" ways with the excuse he was punishing them.

She said the pensioner also threatened and bullied his victims to stop them reporting the abuse, telling one: "I can do what I want."

Judge Smith told Smallman: "Each of these boys had to give evidence in your trial and give descriptions of what had occurred in the past. Their distress at having to relive their experiences was obvious."

Speaking outside of court, one of Smallman's victims said, although he hoped the sentence would give him closure, it was not enough.

Smallman was convicted of all three counts relating to the victim, relating to indecent assault on a male between July 1979 and July 1982.

The victim, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, said: "He should've got longer, definitely.

"He should've got life. I've lost my life, he should've lost his. The guy's an animal. Children should've been a lot safer."

Speaking of his abuse, the victim, who lives in South Oxfordshire, said: "It ruined my life. It turned me against authority and got me down the wrong lines. I ended up getting in trouble, I couldn't trust authority."

He said he spent about seven years in prison, adding: "They were meant to protect me and they didn't protect me."

Yet the father-of-four said: "I feel better about the future, that part of my life can be put away. It will always affect me, but not so badly."

Rodney Smallman giving a talk at Science Oxford in 2011. One of his victims, left, described him as 'an animal' outside court

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'Wildlife sites are dying off'

ALMOST a third of Oxfordshire's monitored wildlife sites have disappeared since 2009, a new report has said.

Seven of the 24 county sites monitored "had been lost altogether" from 2009 to 2013, The Wildlife Trust's report said.

Yet that sample – which bosses refused to name – represents only six per cent of the 371 designated wildlife sites in Oxfordshire.

Nationally, about 10 per cent of the 6,590 sites monitored in England had been lost or damaged since 2009, the report said.

Limited resources mean only a small fraction of sites can be monitored said the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust's Giles Strother.

Mr Strother, acquisitions and project development manager, said: "It's only the last 60 or 70 years that we have become technically efficient in our farming.

"It's more the changes in land use that have brought about a lot of the loss of the wildlife. There may have been a speeding up in the last few years."

Giles Strother in a field at Meadow Farm, Bloxham

Reasons for the loss of sites include the dumping of topsoil, mowing of grass for a caravan park and use of land for ponies.

More than half of the local wildlife sites are owned by farmers with most of the rest owned by private landholders.

He said 1.7 per cent of the county were a protected Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) while 2.1 per cent are non-protected wildlife sites.

Changes to SSSI land like ploughing and removing plants require permission from Natural England.

Mr Strother said a wildlife site was "somewhere that has a good diversity of native wildlife" with threatened species.

This could include marshes, wetlands, meadows, ancient woodlands and chalk grassland.

Trust spokeswoman Wendy Tobitt said: "Because most of the local wildlife sites are in private ownership, we're not at liberty to give detailed information."

The report, Secret Spaces: The Status of England's Local Wildlife Sites 2014, is available at wildlifetrusts.org

A view of the proposed site from the top of Crouch Hill

Praise as council rejects home bid

A decision by the council to block the building of 117 homes is welcomed

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CPRE's Helen Marshall

Balmoral Avenue near to Broughton Road

THE director for Campaign to Protect Rural England Oxfordshire has praised the council for standing its ground over a planning appeal for 117 homes in Banbury.

A Government planning inspector last week backed Cherwell District Council's decision to reject the controversial plans for Crouch Hill.

The council had thrown out Gleeson Developments Ltd's application for planning permission for the site on the outskirts of the town in March.

CPRE Oxfordshire director Helen Marshall said: "It is good to see such a sensible decision from the planning inspectorate and well done to Cherwell District Council for standing their ground. This site is an important feature, providing a rural backdrop to the town, as well as being of cultural importance in relation to the Civil War."

The plans proposed developments on the 10.5-hectare land south of Broughton Road including 117 homes with parking.

On Tuesday, January 6, Inspector Jennifer Vyse refused the appeal concluding that the plans would have a "significant adverse impact on the character and appearance of the part of the district".

She said: "In my consideration the site is still seen as an essential component of the rural setting of the hill and is very sensitive with a low capacity for residential development.

"I am in no doubt that the erection of up to 117 dwellings on the lower field would constitute a considerable intrusion into that setting."

Cherwell District Council rejected plans originally calling it a "sporadic and unsustainable" extension of the town's boundary.

Cherwell's lead member for planning, councillor Michael Gibbard, said: "The site was not thought suitably practical on landscape grounds and it is pleasing to see the inspector has supported that view.

"Any housing on that hill would be very visible and out of keeping. We are delighted that the inspector seemed to agree with us as it is a special landscape site and worthy of keeping."

The original plan received 33 letters of objection, including an objection from the Campaign to Protect Rural England Oxfordshire group.

Mr Gibbard added: "It is so pleasing to find an inspector that has recognised the value of the landscape. As an authority we are aware of our requirements to meet Government housing targets but our ethos has always been to provide the right homes in the right locations while preserving the open countryside and preventing urban sprawl."

Gleeson Development Ltd was not available to comment.

Taxpayers save money in bin collections

TAXPAYERS across Banbury are paying the lowest they have been in a decade for having their rubbish collected, according to the latest figures.

Cherwell District Council said people were paying less than £50 a year for the collections, and in the previous financial year they paid a total of £47.84.

Cherwell's lead member for performance, Kieron Mallon, said: "As an authority we have worked hard to protect the frontline services that matter most to our residents during times of financial uncertainty.

"Initiatives such as sharing services with South Northamptonshire Council and providing increased recycling opportunities have all helped us to make the necessary financial savings while maintaining a high level of service to the taxpayer."

The findings come after Cherwell District Council met on Monday, January 5, to review the current collection service as part of a new Government Waste Framework Directive.

It was decided that no changes would be made to collection and will review the service in five years.

PRIME MINISTER PAYS VISIT

DAVID Cameron visited Banbury to meet shoppers with Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for North Oxfordshire Victoria Prentis on Saturday. Ms Prentis said: "It is great that the Prime Minister found time to visit Banbury. He has a good grasp of local issues and his support for Horton General Hospital has been invaluable."

RECORD STORE TO RETURN

AN INVESTMENT initiative in Banbury has helped an independent record shop return to the town after five years away.

Record Savings, which was based in White Lion Walk in the 1980s before moving to Church Lane, closed in 2009 and went online. But it has now returned as part of a scheme run by Cherwell District Council's Banbury town team.

6.6% BOOST FOR HEALTH

THE group which makes most county NHS funding decisions will get an extra 6.6 per cent for its budget this year. Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group will get £665m for the next financial year. The group decides where most NHS spending in the county goes but is not responsible for GP and some specialist services.

'POLISH' MEDICAL SEARCH

PARAMEDICS could be recruited from Poland in a bid to fill hundreds of vacancies, South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) has confirmed. In November it was reported that the ambulance service was struggling to fill 260 paramedic vacancies to cope with demand. Last month, there was about 220 vacancies for paramedics.

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A MOUNTAIN bike was stolen during a burglary at a house in Banbury.

The black Radon bike with 29in wheels was stolen from the conservatory of the house in West Street on Tuesday last week. The make of the bike is written in white text on the frame.

Police said the thieves gained access through South Street between 7.30pm and 11.30pm. Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Mayor hits out over pensions 'con'

BANBURY mayor and prospective Labour parliamentary candidate Sean Woodcock has said pensioners in the town are being conned by the Government.

Responding to a statement last month in which the Government promised to guarantee pensioners a 2.5 per cent annual increase in their allowances, Mr Woodcock said 630 people in the Banbury constituency are to receive an annual rise of just 87p. Mr Woodcock said: "The Government need to stop conning pensioners and start being open and honest about the state pension. It's another example of the contempt the Tories have for the man or woman on the street."

The Government announced in December the basic state pension would go up by 2.5 per cent from April, providing single people with £2.85 more a week.

However, the shadow work and pensions minister Gregg McClymont raised questions about changes to the pension credit, which would mean 1.6 million pensioners would only get a small increase. A single pensioner will receive just 87p more a year and couples will have to share a rise of £1.20 a week.

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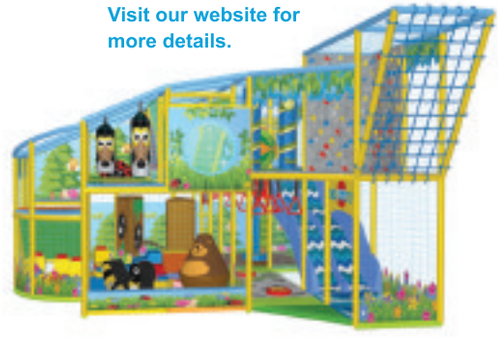

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Charity to receive a cash lift

Gemma and Luke Froude are hosting an annual fundraiser

Couple hope to pass £70,000 fundraising total at annual event

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A BANBURY couple are hoping to pass the £70,000 mark for a hospital charity at an annual fundraising event in memory of their son.

Luke Froude, 34, and Gemma Froude, 33, will host the fifth Finnley's Day event after losing their son in June 2010.

Finnley Froude was born 12 weeks premature weighing 1lb 4oz.

He was cared for in the neonatal intensive care unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

The youngster later died aged 18 weeks after catching an infection.

Every year since the couple, who have been married for 12 years, have staged the event and raised nearly £63,000 for charity so far.

All funds raised by the duo go to hospital-based charity SSNAP, Support for Sick Newborns and their Parents.

Mr Froude said: "We thought that Finnley's first birthday would be the hardest time and at Christmas we went to the unit to take in some toys, books and presents for the staff.

"From there we planned Finnley's Day, which in the first year raised around £6,500."

The first event was held on what would have been Finnley's first birthday and every year falls on the nearest weekend.

This year's family fundraiser at Banbury Town Hall will include face painting, a bouncy castle, craft stalls and a visit from Frozen's Elsa.

There will also be a raffle with over £4,000 worth of prizes thanks to donations from local and national businesses.

Mr Froude added: "At first it was just family and friends helping out on the day and some of the staff that looked after Finnley.

"But as it has gone on it we have had lots of support from the public and social media and it gets bigger every year."

The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 31, from 9am to 5pm at the town hall in Bridge Street.

● More information can be found at facebook.com/Ffroude

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL

APPLICATIONS are open for Banbury Food Fair, which will run on Sunday, August 9, from 10.30am to 4.30pm in the town centre.

Food stalls will be set up and Sunday lunch will be served. There will also be cookery demonstrations and a cooking competition.

Applications are handled on a first-come-first served basis by Banbury Town Council.

To get involved email ann.sewell@banbury.gov.uk

Banbury resident Emma Nooney takes a closer look at work by Heleena Yates at the Mill Arts Centre Picture: OX72045 Mark Hemsworth

Artworks bring colour

A COLLECTION of colours, movement and playful textures line the walls of the Mill Arts Centre in a new exhibition called Inscapes.

The exhibition at the Spiceball Park centre is a collation of paintings and etchings from ten years' work by artist and psychotherapist Heleena Yates.

The 66-year-old psychotherapist lives just outside the town in Greatworth and has taken inspiration from her work in creative therapy, producing abstracts as self-expression.

She said: "My main focus is colour and movement and how the paint moves across the paper. It is the process of developing and staging and is therapeutic."

The pieces are made of large frames which use acrylics and organic materials such as earth or sand to create complex layers and textures.

Arts education assistant at the centre Emma Nooney said: "We are really excited to have Heleena's work exhibited at the Mill. Her work is bold, colourful and extremely eye-catching."

The centre has a 200-seater theatre and holds a variety of activities including dance classes, youth theatre groups and arts and crafts workshops.

The Mill also host regular live music events, theatre performances and comedy shows.

The exhibition will run until Saturday, January 31.

Effort to tackle A&E wait praised

THE Health Secretary praised efforts to tackle A&E waits in Oxfordshire as figures show a hospital authority recorded its worst results.

Jeremy Hunt said assessing people who arrived at A&E as soon as possible like in Oxfordshire could make a "big difference".

It comes after figures released on Tuesday, January 6, showed the worst quarterly performance for Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust.

From October to December, 86.1 per cent of patients were discharged, admitted or transferred within four hours of arrival. The target is 95 per cent.

The trust – which has A&E at Oxford's John Radcliffe and Banbury's Horton General hospitals – said rising visits were putting pressure on waits.

Mr Hunt spoke in response to comment from Banbury Conservative Sir Tony Baldry about county services in the Commons last Wednesday.

Sir Tony said: "They are trying to triage patients essentially at the door of A&E so that those who need to go in can do so and those who need primary care get it."

Mr Hunt said: "Those are exactly the kinds of initiatives that can make a big difference, indeed, they are recommended by the College of Emergency Medicine."

But Labour's Yasmin Qureshi said the closure of walk-in centres "is the reason so many people are going to A&E" and called for "proper funding given to local authorities so that they can put in place a proper health and social care budget for the elderly and vulnerable".

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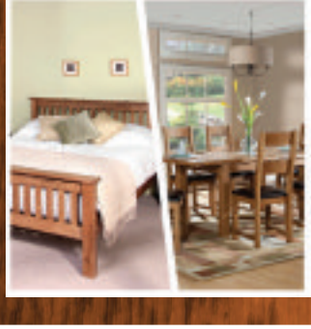

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Sunny days see a rise in the production of honey

Beekeeping is on the up in the county as more people driven by plight of the bee

Beekeeper Peter Randall pictured wearing his protective suit in his garden

Picture: OX71660 Cliff Hide

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BEEKEEPERS in Oxfordshire say their bees produced more honey last year than at any time in the last six.

And, with the number of keepers in the county double what it was five years ago, there has never been a better time to take up one of the world's oldest hobbies.

Commercial honeybee populations have declined by about 45 per cent in the UK since 2010, hit by pesticides and viruses.

And cold, wet springs in recent years have made life even more difficult for bees seeking flowers.

But a warm spring and summer in 2014 made for better flowers, better pollen, and more honey.

Thame beekeeper Peter Randall said he harvested close to 400lb of honey this year from his seven hives.

The 56-year-old accountant said: "What bees like is nice, hot, sunny days and we had a lot of those last year.

"This has been one of the best years in the last six. I've had at least 10 per cent more honey."

The father-of-one, who sells honey and gives it away as gifts, said his bees pollinated crops such as beans, so when he had a good year, farmers do, too.

Banbury beekeeper Peter Chaunt said his hives in the grounds of the Warriner School, Bloxham, produced 10 per cent more honey than last year.

Mr Chaunt, who is currently chairman of Oxfordshire Beekeepers Association, said: "Hotter temperatures mean better flowers and better pollen and nectar."

But he also warned that mild winters, such as this, could be "disastrous" for a hive.

Bees have evolved to hibernate through the coldest part of the year, huddling for warmth.

If it stays too warm, they may think it is spring and go out foraging,starving when they find no flowers.

According to Mr Chaunt, the number of beekeepers in Oxfordshire has doubled in the last five years, up to 300 as people are inspired by the plight of the bee.

Many attend Oxfordshire Beekeepers Association monthly, where non members are welcome, but must sign up if they attend regularly. See: obka.org for details.

Officer rescues failing squadron

IN AUGUST, Kidlington Air Cadets was fighting a battle for survival, with just 10 members.

Now after an appeal in our sister paper the *Oxford Mail*, No 1315 (Kidlington Squadron) has stabilised its membership at 12 and brought in two new staff members.

Flt Lt Paul Palmer

And Officer Commanding Flight Lieutenant Paul Palmer, from Banbury, said the future was looking bright after three new cadets joined.

The 49-year-old runs the cadet's training nights two nights a week along with six other volunteers.

The group meets between 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Deaufort House, Sterling Road.

The next open night is on January 20.

Climb for a top cause

THE Alzheimer's Society, based in Banbury, is calling for volunteers to climb Mount Snowdon or Ben Nevis at midnight to raise funds for the charity.

It costs £80 to enter the challenge and participants are expected to raise £400.

The climbs are scheduled to take place in the spring and summer but exact dates are yet to be set.

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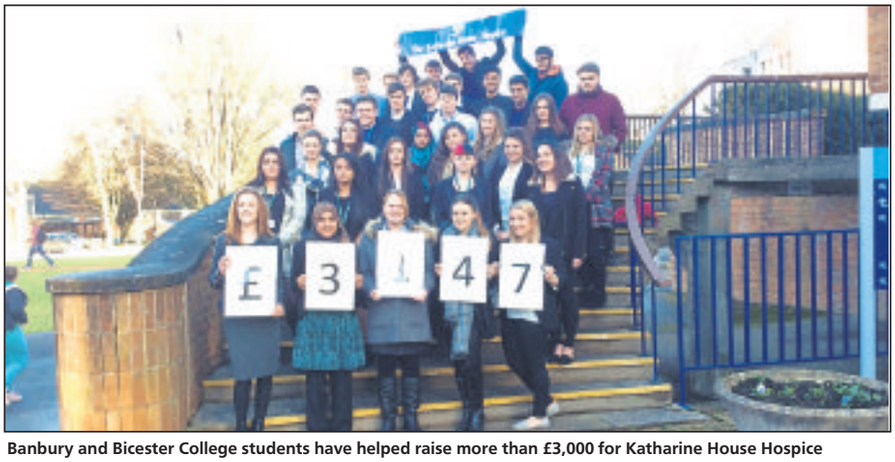

Banbury and Bicester College students have helped raise more than £3,000 for Katharine House Hospice

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BUSINESS students from Banbury and Bicester College have raised more than £3,000 for Katharine House Hospice.

The class of about 25 students hosted a series of fundraising events from September for the Adderbury-based hospice, raising a total of £3,147.

Activities included selling Christmas trees and gifts from Banbury Market, face painting in Castle Quay Shopping Centre, a FIFA football tournament and a sponsored cycle ride on exercise bikes covering the distance from Banbury to Paris.

The biggest fundraisers were a ten-mile sponsored walk in fancy dress, which raised £1,000, and a fashion show and auction, which raised £750.

Business teacher Steph McNeil said: "We are so proud of our students. They took responsibility for all aspects of the project from the initial fundraising ideas to their implementation across the Banbury area. But, more importantly, the skills they have learnt in the process, skills such as teamwork, problem solving, communication and project planning, will help to prepare them for success in the business world."

Student Annmarie Grant, 32, said: "I have learnt loads about business already, especially about effective teamwork in achieving a common goal.

"The feedback we've received has been fantastic. People who attended the fashion event commented on how professional it was and how it exceeded their expectations, which is really satisfying."

Head of fundraising at Katharine House Hospice, Helen Mariner, said: "It's been wonderful working with Banbury and Bicester College and seeing how well the student teams have performed.

"They really should be so proud of what they've achieved."

The hospice opened in 1992 and services include inpatient, day hospice, community care at home, home night nursing, support for Banbury's Horton General Hospital patients, out patients, lymphoedema treatment and bereavement support.

It cares for up to ten inpatients and has four family rooms, where relatives can stay.

Hotel one of the best

THE Wroxton House Hotel in Wroxton has won a prestigious visitor experience award.

The Best Western Plus Inn has been awarded a bronze award in the Small Hotel of the Year Category at the Beautiful South Awards 2014.

Wroxton House directors John and Gill Smith picked up the award at a special gala dinner at the Grand Hotel in Brighton last month, which was attended by more than 275 industry professionals and guests.

The annual awards celebrate elite visitor experiences across the south and south east of England and recognise outstanding contributions to the tourism industry.

They have been running for 20 years and are organised by Tourism South East.

Appeal for volunteers

GOOD causes across Banbury are in need of new volunteers.

Residents are invited to join the Connecting Communities event on Thursday, January 22, to hear of volunteering opportunities in the town.

Community groups, charities and organisations across Banbury will provide advice and support to visitors.

The free event will take place at Banbury Town Hall, in Bridge Street, between 12pm and 6pm.

For more information about volunteering, visit banbury.gov.uk

Rise in house prices

HOUSE prices in Oxfordshire rose 11 per cent year-on-year in the December 2014 quarter to reach an average of £324,105, according to research by the Nationwide Building Society.

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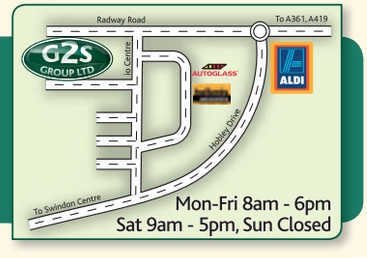

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Festival date is set

A BANBURY pub has announced a two-day summer music event that will be held in support of two local charities.

The Ye Olde Reine Deer Inn is to stage its biggest ever event, DeerJam, which includes performances from 12 bands.

The free event will raise funds through raffles, auctions and collections for Katharine House Hospice at Adderbury, which offers special palliative care and the Oxford Rotoract which supports homeless charity The Gatehouse.

The Parsons Street pub is welcoming donations and will announce further details on social media at the end of the month.

The event is planned for Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6. For details go to facebook.com/YeOldeReineDeerInn

TV show invitation

BROUGHTON Castle, near Banbury, will feature as one of the locations for this year's series of *Antiques Roadshow*.

An episode of the series will be filmed at the castle which dates to the 16th century on Sunday, June 21.

Visitors are advised to pack items with great care to avoid breakages.

For more details about attending the event go to bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow and click on 'Attend a Show'.

Soccer scheme cash

FOOTBALL clubs in Oxfordshire have been given the chance to benefit from £1.5m in Premier League and Football Association funding.

The Grow the Game scheme aims to boost the number of women and girls, disabled people and young boys playing the game.

Funding will help clubs meet the costs of expanding the range of teams they run.

For each new team a club creates they will be given £1,500 of funding for referees' fees, first aid kits, coaching courses and kits.

To find out more visit footballfoundation.org.uk

Have your say on cuts

PEOPLE have been asked for their opinion on Oxfordshire County Council's learning disability strategy for 2015 to 2018.

The plan sets out how services for people with learning difficulties will be delivered over the next three years. The county council has already outlined £9.2m of cuts between 2015 and 2018. Residents can view the plans and fill out a questionnaire at consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk.

A series of public meetings, for those who want to learn more, are being held across the county this month.

Event space on offer

HEALTH groups in North Oxfordshire have been invited to take part in demonstrations at the Banbury and District Show.

The show will take place on Sunday, June 14, and will have a health and fitness marquee.

Businesses or groups who are involved with health, fitness and well-being can apply to take part in demonstrations or promote themselves free of charge.

To find out more email ann.sewell@banbury.gov.uk

Plea for volunteers

THE Guide Dogs for the Blind Association is appealing for help to carry out its work in Oxfordshire .

People are needed to organise events, help with collections and raise awareness of the charity.

Roles are flexible and can be arranged to work around people's existing commitments.

To find out more call 07795 611 459.

Firefighters called in to help ambulance crews

High Christmas demand on service saw pilot scheme rolled out early

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FIREFIGHTERS had to be called in to help struggling ambulance crews over Christmas as paramedics faced "unprecedented" demand.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service last week revealed its 24 stations had responded to almost 300 serious medical emergencies after a pilot scheme had to be rolled out in full early.

It came as South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) said year-on-year demand had surged by as much as 42 per cent during the festive period.

In a letter to county councillors, chief fire officer Dave Etheridge said at the height of demand crews responded to a critical call – serious or life-threatening – every 30 minutes. He wrote: "We were asked by SCAS if we could assist in attending the most serious calls, sending fire appliances with trained trauma technicians.

"This by no means replaces the need for the ambulance service to attend the patient, but does allow the firefighters to offer a quick response and effective intervention awaiting the arrival of an ambulance or paramedic."

The scheme, called First Person on Scene, started on June 1 in Thame but was rolled out across the county on December 21 at SCAS's request.

Fire service spokesman Marcus Mabberley said 170 firefighters were now trained with emergency trauma skills.

They assist with the most serious and life-threatening calls. At least 75 per cent must be reached by SCAS or a first responder in eight minutes. But Mr Mabberley said it did not mean firefighters were not available for fire-related calls.

The scheme was meant to be put into action across Oxfordshire in phases but demand in December meant the whole county fire service was mobilised, Oxfordshire operations commander Nigel Wilson said. Bicester Fire Station crew manager Pete Mackay, 37, said: "It is all about getting that first response right."

SCAS spokesman Catherine Morrow said: "Our staff remain extremely busy and will be working hard to get to our most life-threatening patients as a priority."

HELP: Pete Mackay at Bicester Fire Station Picture: OX72060 Cliff Hide

Barry Russell, pictured at Culham Lock, helped during floods

'Humbled' to get royal honour

AN ENVIRONMENT Agency operations manager admitted he had been humbled by being made an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Barry Russell received the honour for services to flood risk management in Oxfordshire. The 45-year-old played a significant role in responding to the floods of 2007 and last winter. Mr Russell said: "I've been humbled and honoured by it."

Literacy trust wants your books

LIBRARIES across the county are collecting unwanted books for charity during this month and February.

Oxfordshire County Council's library service has launched the appeal in association with the National Literacy Trust.

Donations of second-hand books will be accepted at five libraries – Banbury, Oxford Central, Witney, Cowley and Didcot.

Donations placed in the drop-boxes in libraries will be re-used and sold through charity website Better World Books.

The scheme will run until Friday, February 27.

County council cabinet member for cultural services Lorraine Lindsay Gale said: "I am sure there are plenty of people in Oxfordshire who received books for Christmas but have little space on their bookshelves.

"Those looking to trim their book collection to make space for their new arrivals can do so via our scheme in libraries in the new year."

The National Literacy Trust runs initiatives designed to develop a love of reading and increase literacy among children.

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Musician heads up plan for multi-million pound project

MULTI-MILLION pound proposals have been put forward by a Banbury musician to make Cherwell a major arts and culture hub.

If agreed, plans could see a major concert hall and arts school built in Banbury to help "radically improve" the provision of arts in North Oxfordshire.

Banbury Town Council asked resident musician Kris Reeder to put forward the proposals, and been backed by Town Mayor Sean Woodcock, who has acknowledged the need to improve arts in the area.

The 30-year-old professional trombone player said: "My report will be published in the middle of the year and it will set out ambitious plans for more than £100m in the Bicester and Banbury area. North Oxfordshire is barren when it comes to arts for the city region and I think the potential is enormous.

"Banbury is in the middle of London and Birmingham on the main transport route and North Oxon has lots of space, there is no limitations.

Mr Reeder, who trained at the Royal Academy in London, hopes to encourage more young people to pursue music as a career.

He said: "Oxford is not as cultural as London in my opinion, it is very much science-based. Banbury could compete with East London, it is just about the ambition of the area now.

"The government has decided to be very ambitious with North Oxfordshire so industry should be as well. It is a very exciting time for the area.

The council hopes to secure money for the project from the European Union and Arts Council England.

The professional trombone player said: "There are vast amounts of money that Arts Council England could spend but a lot of what is being spent is spent in London. There are lots of pockets of money available, the council just need to look into accessing that money.

"I want young people in Banbury to experience what I have regardless of financial background."

Mr Reeder said it was important to prioritise the arts despite "enormous" cuts in funding made in recent years.

He said: "As the government has decided to cut back the arts has taken a hit. We need to do something about it, it is desperate now.

"A lot of people in the area want this to happen. The politicians have to do what people want."

Mr Reeder is looking for feedback and suggestions for the plans at k84.org or on twitter @krisreeder100

Musician Kris Reeder has put forward proposals for a major concert hall and arts school to make Banbury a competitive media hub
Picture: OX71961
Denis Kennedy

Seriously ill could wait longer

OXFORDSHIRE's top ambulance boss has said proposals to let ambulances take longer to reach seriously ill patients are being considered.

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) chief executive Will Hancock said he "acknowledged" the policy but that no decision had been made.

The changes put forward by the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) would give ambulances responding to "Red 2" incidents – including strokes and seizures – a new 19-minute target to reach patients.

Current targets set by NHS England say an ambulance must reach patients within eight minutes.

SCAS spokeswoman Michelle Archer when asked if Mr Hancock would back proposals, said it was "too early to say."

CakeWhat's on

THEATRE

THURSDAY
Adderbury Institute, The Green, Adderbury. Cindersmella, Today and tomorrow, at 7.30pm. A pantomime for all the family written by Gary Leonardi. The age-old story with a twist, all be it a rather smelly one! Good triumphs over evil and the prince gets his girl in the end. Tickets are available from Adderbury Stores £8.

EVENTS

THURSDAY
The Owen Mumford Gallery, Theatre Chipping Norton, 2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton. Neo-Tulipae. 11am to 3pm. Be transported to springtime in the middle of winter with an amazing exhibition of tulips. Cotswolds-based artist and photographer Terry Cripps captures the romance and drama of tulips in 27 exquisite portraits. The gallery is open during performances and film. free. 0208 255 2342

MUSIC

FRIDAY
General Foods S&S Club, Spiceball Park, Banbury. The Summits. Popular male covers duo return for another great night of music. Free. 9pm. 01295252852.
New Inn, Main Rd, Middleton Cheney: C.Ody. Vocal guitarist with hits from 60s to 80s. Free, 9pm. 01295 710399.

SATURDAY
Lampit Arms, Tadmarton: The Summits. Popular male covers duo return for another great night of music. Free. 90pm. 01295 780070.
Highfield Social Club, George Street, Bicester: Free 4 All. Last time we had a fantastic night and we're hoping for more of the same from a great crowd! 9pm.

SUNDAY
Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Ligeti Quartet. An afternoon of musical virtuosity, wit, and intensity: Beethoven, Bartok, Zorn and a world premiere of a new string quartet by Oxfordshire-based composer Nicola Price. Tickets: oxfordchambermusic.org or at Oxford Playhouse 01865 305305. £20, Free eight- to 25-year-olds on the door. 3pm. 01865 305305.

TUESDAY
The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: The Listening Room. The Listening Room returns for another season of fantastic local music. Every month we present two to three emerging bands/artists for them to play in a professional and intimate space. £7. 8pm. 01865 305305.

Man's marathon effort to fight cancer

Runner Graeme Marsh

RUNNING a marathon may be no easy feat, but for baker Graeme Marsh one is just not enough.

The 44-year-old from Banbury ended 2014 in high spirits after completing 19 full marathons and 16 half marathons.

But this year he is set to dash across the country, joining 100 races to raise thousands for the Male Cancer Awareness Campaign.

Mr Marsh said: "It's time that us men, we take our bodies to the same level as a woman. We ignore the bad stuff.

"At the beginning of 2014 I was not a runner. In fact in the previous 20 years the most I'd ran was 20 metres for a bus and invariably missed it.

"But there was something instantly addictive about long-distance running."

Mr Marsh said he was inspired to take up his mammoth challenge after losing close friends to cancer last year.

And when his 80-year-old mother Daphne Marsh underwent a mastectomy last March after being diagnosed with cancer for the fourth time, he said his life "changed dramatically".

Mr Marsh added: "This time last year, I felt like I was the Grim Reaper's best buddy.

"I'm middle-aged now. Having seen my friends go from one form or another of cancer, it dawns on you that, hold on, I might be next. Cancer just destroys everybody's lives, it just affects everybody."

Determined to support other families battling cancer, Mr Marsh signed up for last October's Bournemouth Marathon.

But just seven weeks into training, he decided to take an early shot at the Stratford-upon-Avon Marathon in April 2014.

He said: "I signed up for another marathon a week later and another two weeks after that one and another and another."

Mr Marsh hopes to raise awareness of male cancers and encourage men to visit their GPs.

But he admitted he will have little time to prepare for races, splitting time between the events and working at Banbury's Fine Lady Bakery.

The Male Cancer Awareness Campaign encourages fundraisers to don its Near Naked suit, worn by the face of its campaign, the Near Naked Man. It aims to combat embarrassment preventing men from discussing their bodies.

He has already raised £1,000 of his £5,000 target. To donate visit justgiving.com/Graeme-MCAC/

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Jacob Walcott scored from the penalty spot to earn Banbury a draw

Walcott nets for ten men

Banbury hit back for point

BANBURY United battled back from a goal and man down to seal a draw against fellow-Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division strugglers Frome at Spencer Stadium on Saturday.

The hosts started the stronger, and they were unlucky not to take the lead on 13 minutes.

Marvin Martin got his head to a Ben Whitehead corner, but Dylan Bonella headed off the line.

Frome went ahead when Aaron Rodriguez burst into the area before cutting inside and firing home.

On 57 minutes, Banbury were reduced to ten men when Westbrook was sent off after clashing with Matt Smith.

Banbury levelled on 65 minutes when Ricky Hulbert handled Leam Howards's header and Walcott converted the spot-kick.

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Banbury Utd: Bedwell, Cray, Martin, Meade, Tappin, Ryan, Green, Westbrook, Howards (Eminoglu 81), Walcott, Whitehead (Martin 63). Subs not used: Browne, Strafford, White. Attendance: 227.

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

It's going to be easy for you to spend money as if you have an endless supply, but that's a typical trait of your sign when they're stressed. Why don't you try making 'that' phone call and put us all out of our misery. The sooner you get an answer, then the sooner you can find out where you stand. Confidence is half the battle. Believe in you and others will too. Ring now to reveal more.

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TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Knowing others is intelligence, but knowing yourself is true wisdom. Try to spend more time on working out who you are and what you want this week. It's the key to you feeling comfortable in your own skin again. Arguments in the workplace come under favourable aspects from Wednesday when you hold the power to make others see your point of view. Ring now for your love scope.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

You've been burning the candle at both ends which has made it hard for you not to feel sensitive and somewhat testy. Try to make time to listen to what loved ones have to say. It's the key to you gaining control of both life and love. You've been through a lot of struggles I know, but without struggle you cannot find your strength. Ring now to hear who can't stop thinking about you.

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

It's time to dump that anger you've been feeling, it can do you no good. Facing your fears can prove to you how strong this last three month's events have made you. News of a pregnancy or major family change for a close one leaves you with big decisions to make. Give me a call now to hear why it's worth sticking to plans you've already committed to this month.

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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

You've been approaching your problems from the wrong angle but, if you can change the way you view these issues by Wednesday, then you'll be able to change your entire week and maybe your entire year. Someone you fell out with wants to be friends again. Be the bigger person and offer them a hand of friendship first. Ring now so I can fill you in on your future.

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VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Someone thinks they've got one over on you, but remember that success cannot be permanent and failure is never final, so let them have their moment to gloat, but keep your class and keep your cool. Your attitude will be remembered when they come back to their senses Virgo. Ring me now to hear why it's worth acting on impulse in affairs of the heart throughout this month.

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LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

You've allowed someone to convince you that you should settle for second best, when you and I both know you're better than that. The minute you settle for anything less than you deserve Libra, you'll get less than you settled for. Raise those standards and then keep them nice and high. It's what you deserve and the sooner you acknowledge this, the happier you'll be. Ring now for support.

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SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

It's going to prove hard to balance your personal life and your work, but you're going to have to try as both are equally important in the days and weeks ahead. Someone you didn't expect to see again is back with some words to share which you're going to really want to hear. Geminis help you take your career to the next level. Ring now so we can talk more about your future.

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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You're working so hard to stick to the right direction with your life, but when was the last time you stopped to check that you were indeed on the right path? Fine tuning you do over the coming seven days can save you a lot of back tracking later. Your ruling planet Jupiter hands you the power of seduction this weekend. Use it well. Ring now to delve deeper into this dramatic week.

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CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

I know you haven't been able to control what's been going on around your life lately, but you can control what goes on inside of it. It's time to put some distance between you and those who bring you down. Confidence is half the battle as far as success is concerned in the days ahead. New projects you enter before Friday are the beginning of something special. Ring now to reveal all.

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AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

In the words of a great person, you were born an original Aquarius, so don't die a copy. I want you to embrace who you are and what you want and to stop trying to conform. The chance to make peace with someone from your past will only be offered once this week. Think carefully before saying no, you may end up regretting it if you do. Ring now, we need to talk about family.

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PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

You don't have to be tired all the time Pisces, you just have to organise your life and your schedule better. What you thought was a promise from a close one, could well have turned out to have been just an idea, so wait until you've checked with the person directly before you invest any of your own money into plans. Ring now to hear how solo travel is the beginning of great career choices.

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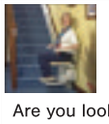

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- THE new Infiniti Q70 saloon range will cost from £32,650, with a 2.2-litre, four-cylinder diesel engine replacing the current 3.0-litre V6 diesel. Full LED headlights are among the equipment boosts.
- ORDERS are being taken for the limited edition FIAT 500X crossover in exclusive Opening Edition specification. Only 500 examples of the car will be sold in the UK. Fiat says the 500X Opening Edition offers up to £2,850 worth of extra equipment at no extra cost. Priced from £17,595, first deliveries are expected in May.

Aygo adds fun to life on city roads

Auto facts

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By David Duffy
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CITY driving might be a day-to-day nightmare, but Toyota has decided to make it as much fun as possible.

Practicality, compact size and price tag are the holy trinity of factors governing most city car purchases, but Toyota decided to add a little touch of mischief into the mix.

It went so far as dubbing the design theme for the new Aygo as J-Playful, marking a link with the outspoken shapes central to Japanese youth culture.

One thing is for sure, with its attention-grabbing "X" design frontal styling Toyota's take on the city car is unmissable.

The Czech-built car has been designed with a wide range of equipment, options and customisation possibilities to make every car feel a little bit different.

More than ten parts around the vehicle from the X-shaped front grille and rear bumper insert to front wing garnish and alloy wheels can easily be replaced to help produce a custom car.

In the cabin the instrument panel, centre console, air vents, gearshift knob and gearlever surround can all be changed.

Priced from £8,595, in five- and three-door versions, the car comes with plenty of grown-up options including a rear-view camera, keyless entry and push-button start, control switches on the steering wheel and a height-adjustable driver's seat.

Power still comes from a 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine, which Toyota says has been improved for better combustion efficiency, reduced friction losses and lower emissions. The result is a power boost to 69bhp.

Around town the car is quietly zippy and out on the open road, the engine revs happily away. Push hard and a sporty exhaust note burbles out. Handling, as you might expect from a car with wheels shoved out as far as possible to each corner, is pure go-kart, adding to the all-round feeling of fun.

The test car came rammed with every imaginable luxury touch from alloy wheels and air conditioning, to the eye-catching multimedia system with a seven-inch, full-colour touchscreen.

Even the paint choices, that include Deep Blue Buzz, Red Pop and Orange Twist, point to a playful character. The new Aygo might be a small car but it has a big personality.

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The six bespoke cars, all versions of the current Vanquish super GT in either Coupe or Volante form, are being created in association with the luxury British brand's Gaydon-based design team, and its personalisation service: Q by Aston Martin. An Aston spokesman said: "Each of the six cars is subtly different, and each is tailored to reflect one of the six decades being celebrated. The result is a collection of rare and ultra-desirable sports cars that will be instantly recognisable as Works' 60th Anniversary models."

A number of elements distinguish the Anniversary cars including trim and paint colour treatments. But, perhaps, the most emotive part of each car comes in the form of a fine detail: bespoke rotaries around the major controls in the centre console of each Vanquish.

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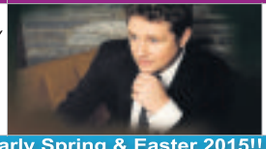

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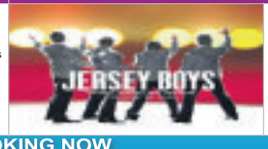

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